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SUBJECT: GUINEAN RESPONSE TO US PROTEST RE SOVIET AIRLIFT TO ANGOLA

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY DATED JANUARY 3, 1976 IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY NOTE TRANSMITTING UNITED STATES PROTEST PER REFTELS.

2. TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS: QUOTE. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (AFTER COMPLIMENTS) HAS HONOR TO MAKE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS REGARDING COMMUNICATION OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CONTAINED IN (EMBASSY) NOTE VERBAL NO 179 DATED DECEMBER 22, 1975.

FIRST, GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLIC OF GUINEA WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF ANGOLA IS AN AMERICAN OR AFRICAN TERRITORY? SECOND, REGARDING APPEAL OF OAU MENTIONED IN NOTE, CAN THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA AS FOUNDING MEMBER OF THIS ORGANIZATION BE UNAWARE OF A DECISION OF LATTER ORGANIZATION? THIRD, REPUBLIC OF GUINEA WOULD LIKE TO KNOW US POSITION REGARDING INVASION OF TERRITORY OF INDEPENDENT STATE OF ANGOLA AND ARMED AGGRESSION OF WHICH PEOPLE OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA ARE VICTIMS. FOURTH, REPUBLIC OF GUINEA WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHO CONSTRUCTED AIRPORT OF CONAKRY. FIFTH, AT PRESENT STAGE OF RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN USSR AND US, HAS THERE BEEN A RUPTURE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES? IF YES, ON WHAT DATE?

RESPONSE TO THESE QUESTIONS INTERESTS THE GUINEAN GOVERNMENT

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AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL, IN ORDER TO INFORM PEOPLE OF REPUBLIC OF

GUINEA, AND TO PERMIT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION ON THE EMBASSY'S NOTE. COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE. UNQUOTE.

3. COMMENT: FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE IS POLEMICAL, SOMEWHAT JUVENILE, AND IN EMBASSY'S OPINION, UNWORTHY OF SERIOUS RESPONSE. FROM STRICT VIEWPOINT US-GUINEAN RELATIONS, RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT NOT CONTINUE POLEMICS.

4. NEVERTHELESS, BELIEVE NOTE PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY TO PUT ACROSS AT HIGH LEVEL US VIEWS ON ANGOLA, PARTICULARLY OUR VIEW THAT ALL FOREIGN TROOPS, I.E. SOVIET, CUBAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN, BE WITHDRAWN. RECOMMEND THAT THIS BE DONE ORALLY IN MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CISSOKO.

5. DID QUESTION OF ANGOLA ARISE DURING DEC 30 MEETING IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN ACTING SECRETARY AND GUINEAN PRIME MINISTER BEAVOGUI (STATE 000042)?

6. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON SUBSTANCE AND FORM OF RESPONSE, IF ANY, THAT SHOULD BE MADE TO GOG.  
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